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In a meeting on other subjects (septel) with Arab ¶1. (C) League Chef de Cabinet Hishem Youssef September 19, the Charge raised Arab League resistance to the draft Iraqi constitution. The Charge noted that discussions in Iraq had resulted in changes to the wording of Article 3 dealing with Traq's membership in the Arab League and Arab identity. Youssef said that AL Secretary General Amr Moussa had reviewed the new draft and "found it acceptable." In response to the Charge's question as to whether Moussa was now prepared to make public statements in support of the constitution, Youssef said Moussa would make a statement once the document was final and had been formally distributed. Youssef said this process seems to be taking considerable time.

 $\underline{\P}2.$ (SBU) We will follow up with the Arab League as soon as we see the constitution has been released.

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